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Senate Bill 494

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th and Moody of the 56th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 6 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
- 2 relating to remainders and reversions, so as to prohibit a fee for a future conveyance of
- 3 residential real property; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to repeal
- 4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.** 7 Article 4 of Chapter 6 of Title 44 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to 8 remainders and reversions, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows: 9 "44-6-69. 10 (a) A deed restriction or other covenant running with the land applicable to the conveyance 11 of residential real property that requires a transferee of residential real property or the transferee's heirs, successors, or assigns to pay a declarant or other person imposing the 12 deed restriction or covenant on the property or a third party designated by a transferor of 13 14 the property a fee in connection with a future transfer of the property shall be prohibited. 15 A deed restriction or other covenant running with the land that violates this Code section or a lien purporting to encumber the land to secure a right under a deed restriction or other 16 covenant running with the land that violates this Code section is void and unenforceable. 17 For purposes of this Code section, a conveyance of real property includes a conveyance or 18 19 other transfer of an interest or estate in residential real property. 20 (b) This Code section shall not apply to a deed restriction or other covenant running with 21 the land that requires a fee associated with the conveyance of property in a subdivision that 22 is payable to: 23 (1) A property owners' association, as such term is defined in Code Section 44-3-221, 24 that manages or regulates the subdivision or the association's managing agent if the 25 subdivision contains more than one platted lot;

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26 (2) An entity organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code;

- 27 <u>or</u>
- 28 (3) A governmental entity."

SECTION 2.

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.